

# ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 27, 2005

2:00 P.M.



## MINUTES

### I. Welcome/Roll Call

Donald Seeley, Co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	
		Excused	Unexcused
Eric Reed, Dist. 3, <i>Chairperson</i>		X	
Jane Ratcliff, Mayor's Appt.	X		
Olivia Chavez, Dist. 1	X		
Vacant, Dist. 2			
Donald J. Seeley, Dist 4, Co-Chairperson	X		
Fred Gromand, Dist. 5	X		
Martin Wagner, Dist. 6	X		
Enriqueta Natividad, Dist. 7	X		
Ernesto Armendariz, Dist. 8			X
Bill Bennett, ADA Coordinator	X		
Martha Macia, ADA Interpreter	X		
Juan Gonzalez, ADA Secretary	X		
Ruby B. Ransom (Mr. Reed's Assistant)	X		
Steve Burman, Human Resources		X	
Sergio Reyes, Traffic Eng. Div.	X		
James W. Peterson, Sun Metro	X		
John F. Nance, City Attorneys	X		
Ted Marquez, Director of Traffic/Engin.	X		

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve minutes.

### III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

#### A. Election of Officers

Eric Reed and Don Seeley were re-nominated and elected to serve again as Chair & Co-chair person for the board.

#### B. Supportive Employment.

Item tabled pending action to restart program.

#### C. Ordinance Amendment for Barrier Free Construction.

Item is on hold and will be carried over. There was a teleconference on the issue on January 7. Jose Lara from Volar and Ray Adaauto from El Paso Association of Builders were present. The teleconference was about the Barrier Free Construction and how to establish ordinances for the construction. At 10:30 am tomorrow, the Builders Association is having a meeting at Surety Towers to discuss international building codes changes proposed in accessibility in any new construction.

#### D. Audible Traffic Control Devices.

The first Audible Pedestrian Signal was successfully installed and is now operational at Hunter and Phoenix Street. Work began on the next location at Paisano and Washington site and should be finished in about two weeks. Ted Marquez gave a power-point presentation on the current draft they use for potential site evaluation and procedures on APS installations. He asked the committee members to give their input and help them establish a policy to follow in the future. One of the requirements they are considering is that there must already be a traffic signal located at the site and must not be a dangerous place for anyone to cross. The draft needs to have good evaluation factors and criteria to prioritize and rank potential future sites based on need and the most benefit in the allocation on their limited resources. They also want the members suggestions in creating a good training program for those people who will be using the devices. Priority 2 and 3 intersection funding applications have been submitted to community Development for funding.

#### E. Sensitivity and Accessibility Training for the Mayor and City Council.

The item is tabled pending a meeting by the subcommittee.

**F. Transition Plan for the City of El Paso**

There will be a public hearing meeting for input on it on February 5 at 10am at the El Paso Community College Administration Offices. Work is being done on evaluating and prioritized all facilities which includes equipment, buses, and routes to bus stops, buildings, etc.

**G. Disabled Volunteer Parking Patrol**

Seventeen members attended today's meeting, and they found out they are now on the states' website and it will be updated soon. The members are now issuing courtesy reminders/warnings for violations on handicap parking. Reports are coming in that some business have gotten rid of their Disabled Parking Signs and letters asking for voluntary compliance is currently being sent to get them back and into compliance. On the vest, Bill will again attempt to get them soon.

**H. Complaints regarding ADA/Accessibility Compliance**

**1. Formal complaints**

None

**2. Informal complaints**

Many complaints have come from all over the city especially about parking spaces and side walks not being installed by abiding property owners.

**I. Plan Reviews**

**1. Major Public Access Commercial Facilities**

None

**2. Municipal Projects**

There have been many municipal projects and bond projects reviewed. There has been at least one for each district that was voted upon from the bond election from last February.

**J. Next Meeting Agenda, Date and Location**

Next meeting is scheduled for February 24 at 2pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room at City Hall.

**IV ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jane Ratcliff's term on the board has expired, and she was presented with a certificate of appreciation for successfully serving for 2-terms. Volar has a flyer out for a poker-run in which the proceeds are going to people with disabilities. In addition, applications were submitted for CDBG funding for the priority two and three intersections APS installations and for an additional \$ 200,000 mid-year curb ramp on request funding. Sergio asked for information on where he can borrow a Braille machine to Braille the metal plates for the audible pedestrian signals. They are quite expensive to have done.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm

---

**Eric Reed, Chairperson**

---

**William Bennett, Accessibility Coordinator**